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REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 5 – 10 remain pending. Claims 1 – 4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 5 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al, UP 11-072033. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al, in view of Kushi et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,067,579. Claims 2-4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants have amended claim 5 to put it in independent form and to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intermediate claim 4, which has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6-10 depend from claim 5 as a base claim. Accordingly, each of claims 6-10 should now be allowed.

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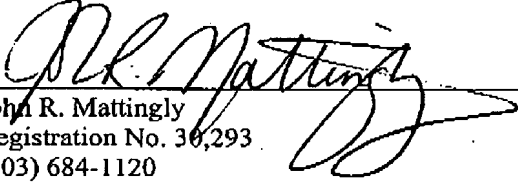
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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